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Substitute House Bill No. 5587

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The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established the
2 Advisory Council on Services for Children and Young Adults with
3 Developmental Disabilities. The council, within available
4 appropriations, shall make recommendations regarding the efficacy of
5 support systems for children and young adults, not older than twenty-
6 one years of age, with developmental disabilities who may or may not
7 have mental health treatment needs.

8 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be
10 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one of
11 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

12 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
13 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, children,
15 public health, education and human services, or their designees;

16 (3) The Health Care Advocate, or the Health Care Advocate's
17 designee;

18 (4) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
19 commissioner's designee;

20 (5) The Commissioner of Developmental Disabilities, or the
21 commissioner's designee;

22 (6) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

23 (7) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
24 the commissioner's designee;

25 (8) The Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood, or the
26 commissioner's designee;

27 (9) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
28 designee;

29 (10) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

30 (11) A chairperson of the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight
31 Council who represents consumers, who shall be appointed by the
32 senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services;

34 (12) A representative from the behavioral health administrative
35 services organization for the Medicaid program, who shall be
36 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services;

37 (13) Two family or child advocates, one of whom shall be appointed
38 by one chairperson of the council and one of whom shall be appointed
39 by the other chairperson of the council;

40 (14) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
41 secretary's designee;

42 (15) The executive director of the Council on Developmental
43 Disabilities, or the executive director's designee;

44 (16) A member of the Council on Developmental Disabilities,
45 appointed by the senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of
46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
47 health;

48 (17) The Probate Court Administrator, or the Probate Court
49 Administrator's designee;

50 (18) The executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public
51 School Superintendents, or the executive director's designee;

52 (19) The executive director of the Connecticut Chapter of the
53 American Academy of Pediatrics, or the executive director's designee;

54 (20) The executive director of the Connecticut Council of Child and
55 Adolescent Psychiatry, or the executive director's designee;

56 (21) Two members of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory
57 Council, appointed by the house chairperson of the joint standing
58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
59 relating to human services; and

60 (22) The executive director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy
61 for Persons with Disabilities, or the executive director's designee.

62 (c) Appointments to the council shall be made not later than thirty
63 days after the effective date of this section, except appointments made
64 by the council chairpersons shall be made not later than sixty days
65 after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by
66 the appointing authority.

67 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
68 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the council,

69 one of whom shall be a family advocate, child advocate or consumer
70 advocate and the other a member of the General Assembly appointed
71 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The chairpersons shall
72 schedule the first meeting of the council not later than sixty days after
73 the effective date of this section.

74 (e) Members of the council shall serve without compensation, except
75 for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The
76 Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall provide
77 administrative support to the council.

78 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the council shall report, in
79 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
80 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
81 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
82 children, public health, education and human services and the
83 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. The report shall
84 include, but need not be limited to, recommendations concerning:

85 (1) Any statutory changes needed to (A) promote the best interests
86 of children and young adults diagnosed with a developmental
87 disability, (B) ensure efficient delivery of quality services and support
88 for unmet needs for children with disabilities, (C) improve
89 transparency and accountability with respect to state-funded services
90 for children and young adults with developmental disabilities and
91 mental health treatment needs, and (D) foster efficient sharing of
92 information between the Office of Early Childhood, the Department of
93 Education, the Department of Children and Families, the Department
94 of Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Social Services and
95 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to promote
96 positive health and education outcomes for children and young adults
97 with developmental disabilities;

98 (2) The development of a defined matrix for evaluating the quality
99 of state-funded services to children and young adults with
100 developmental disabilities, with or without co-occurring mental health
101 treatment needs, that can be utilized by all relevant state agencies that

102 fund services to such children and young adults;

103 (3) Short-term goals to be met within six months, medium-term
104 goals to be met within twelve months and long-term goals to be met
105 within eighteen months, for the council and state agencies with
106 responsibilities with respect to the provision of services to children and
107 young adults with developmental disabilities, including a meeting
108 schedule to consider relevant reports and any related state strategic
109 plan;

110 (4) How to address gaps in services identified by the council with
111 respect to children and young adults diagnosed with developmental
112 disabilities, with or without co-occurring mental health treatment
113 needs;

114 (5) How to build upon strengths and remove barriers identified by
115 the council that support or impede the educational needs of children
116 and young adults with developmental disabilities, with or without co-
117 occurring mental health treatment needs;

118 (6) A framework for cost analysis with attention to the value of
119 prevention and early intervention, maximization of payment and
120 payor sources; and

121 (7) A strategic plan regarding workforce development.

122 (g) Not later than July 1, 2017, the council shall report, in accordance
123 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
124 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
125 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, children,
126 public health, education and human services and the Secretary of the
127 Office of Policy and Management. The report shall include, but need
128 not be limited to, an assessment of:

129 (1) The quality and accessibility of early intervention services
130 available to children and young adults in this state;

131 (2) The system of community-based services for children and young

132 adults who are diagnosed with a developmental disability;

133 (3) The congregate care settings that are operated privately or by the
 134 state and have housed children and young adults and how the quality
 135 of delivered care to such children and young adults is measured; and

136 (4) How the state Department of Education, local boards of
 137 education, the Department of Children and Families, the Department
 138 of Developmental Disabilities and other appropriate agencies can work
 139 collaboratively to reduce the number of children and young adults at
 140 risk of entering institutional care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(2), "chairpersons' designees" was changed to "their designees" for accuracy; in Section 1(c), "provided that" was changed to "except" for conformity with legislative drafting conventions; and in Section 1(f)(2), "children" was changed to "children and young adults" for accuracy and consistency.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 17 and in FY 18 to those agencies participating in the Advisory Council on Services for Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/15/2016)